

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION

CRIMINAL NO 1:06CR265

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA                          )  
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VS.    )  
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ARMANDO DESPAIGNE                                 )  
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THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Defendant's *pro se* motion "alleging a defect in the indictment," filed August 15, 2008.

The Defendant is advised that he is represented by competent counsel.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, any matters the Defendant wishes to bring to the Court's attention must be presented through his attorney. *Jordan v. Hargett*, 34 F.3d 310 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994) ("[O]nce a defendant elects to take advantage of his right to counsel, . . . all further communications with the court and the prosecutor should be made through his attorney." (internal quotation marks omitted)).

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<sup>1</sup> Even though the motion is captioned as being filed *pro se* and has been signed by the Defendant, it also contains the signature of another inmate acting in the capacity of "Jailhouse lawyer." See Motion, at 1, 3.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Defendant's *pro se* motion  
is hereby **DENIED**.

Signed: August 21, 2008



Lacy H. Thornburg  
United States District Judge

